



## **Housing Accessibility Modification Program (HAMP)**

**A program designed to improve the physical access of rental units for people with disabilities.**

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## What is HAMP?

The Housing Accessibility Modification Program (HAMP) provides financial assistance to tenants with disabilities so their rental units can be modified to meet their accessibility needs.

To be eligible, an applicant with an identifiable disability must reside in Baltimore County and have a rental lease agreement for at least one year. The total household income may not exceed 80% of the median income for Baltimore County. Eligible incomes change annually and are specified in the application.

## Who qualifies for a HAMP grant?

## What modifications are allowed under HAMP?

Modifications are based on an applicant's particular needs and commonly include the installation of wheelchair ramps/lifts and renovations to bathrooms and kitchens to allow for greater ease of use. Each request is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Prior to approval, requests are first reviewed by an inspector to determine the scope and viability of the work. Common areas are not included and modifications must be approved by the landlord.

All work must be done by licensed and insured contractors, selected by the property owner. The Department of Planning retains a list of local contractors who have experience with modifications.

## Who performs the modification?

## Why HAMP?

The immediate intent of the program is to ensure that renters with disabilities have full access to their units by affording them the resources to make reasonable accommodations, with the long term goal of increasing accessible rental units throughout Baltimore County.



To apply, simply contact the Department of Planning, Housing Opportunities at 410-887-6055. Funding will be awarded after consideration of each application on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funding is available.

Applications can also be found online:

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